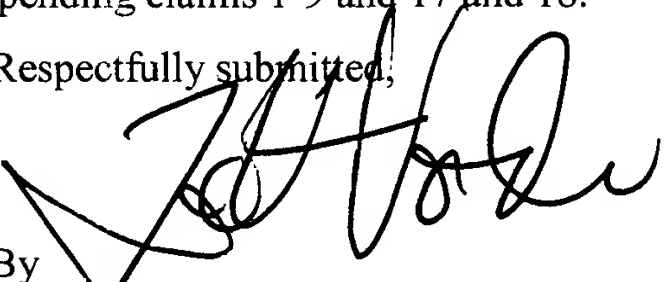


## REMARKS

Applicants respond hereby to discussions between Examiner Azarian and the undersigned, and respectfully request allowance of pending claims 1-9 and 17 and 18.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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